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VIDEOCONFERENCE UNITES LOCAL STUDENTS WITH NATIONAL LEADERS

MISSOULA --

Students from C.S. Porter Middle School will delve into the issues of character and values during a videoconference at The University of Montana Wednesday, Jan. 22.

"The Content of Your Character: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." will bring 20 students from C.S. Porter Middle School together with 350 college and high school students in Atlanta to explore the concepts of character and values. The program will air live from KUFM studios on campus.

The students will ask questions of Maya Angelou, professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.; Johnnetta B. Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta; and Walter E. Massey, president of Morehouse College also in Atlanta. Students from across the nation can join in the program by telephone and e-mail.

The program is produced by Achievement Television in Malibu, Calif. ATV is an extension of the American Academy of Achievement, which was founded on the belief that great achievers can motivate and educate others by serving as inspiring role models.

The live program will be edited and made available on videotape. Tapes of other programs are also available through UM's ATV program.

A grant from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation united Achievement TV with the School of Education at The University of Montana to bring the videoconference to Montana's youth.

The two-hour program begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. The public is welcome to view the program in the Mount Sentinel Room at the University Center or on Knowledge TV.

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